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7296 PARIS 2919 MOSCOW UMN.USBER BELIEVES THAT ON POLITICAL-PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PUBLICITY
GROUNDS FIRST MOVEMENT VIA AUTOBAHN SHOULD BE TO RPT TO NOT
FROM BERLIN FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. WESTERN PROTECTING POWERS ARE TRYING HOLD POSITION IN
BERLIN AND SUPPLY GARRISONS THERE NOT TO BREAK OUT OF CITY.
THEREFORE, EFFORT REACH CITY FROM WEST NOT LEAVE CITY APPEARS
MORE DRAMATICALLY APPEALING.

2. SOVIET CHECKPOINT (NOWAWES) FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ENTERING
ZONE FROM BERLIN IS IN WOODS OUT-OF-SIGHT AND ABOUT A MILE
AWAY FROM OUT CHECKPOINT AT DREILINDEN. SOV BARRIER AT MARIENBOGN
IS ONLY 85 FEET FROM, AND IN FULL VIEW OF, BARRIER AT BOUNDARY
OF FEDREP (HELMSTEDT). OCCURRENCES AT NOWAWES CHECKPOINT
TAKE PLACE OUT OF SIGHT OF FREE WORLD NOT IN FULL VIEW OF EYES
AND CAMERA EYES OF FREE WORLD PRESS, MOVIES AND TELEVISION
AS WERE FOR EXAMPLE RECENT HAPPENINGS AT MARIENBORN REPORTED
OURTEL BONN 597 DEPT 667.

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